



PTA Meeting Minutes

Held on 18th September 2024

Present Committee: Freya O'Mara - Chair (FOM), Mark Wieder- Head (MW), Caroline Fenning – Deputy Head (CF), Sara Deadman (SD), Tina Shepherd (TS), Narsing Chennamaneni (NC), Khyati Patel (KP) Priya Ahluwalia Gupta (PA), Victoria Duffield (VD), Anna Arrowsmith (AA), Ryan/Lisa Mildner (RLM), Sandesh (S), Fangya Xu (FX) – 13 attendees.

Item	Minutes	Action
	Welcome and apologies – Natalie Stenson sends her apologies.	
1	<p>Chair's report (FOM)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fundraising in 23/24 record breaking especially Happy Circus which raised over £10K (more than Earley St Peters fireworks night which raised £7K). Big thank you to Amanda Ellis and Tina Shepherd. Two other big indoor events last year were Diwali Fayre and Christmas Fayre- thank you to Shweta Bist who organises the Diwali fayre so successfully and Priya (PA) for her huge efforts at Christmas for Wrap-a-Present and Christmas Grotto. Try-a-Tri had a new leader (Sam Kenwood) and is such a unique event which we should be very proud of. Thank you to Sam for taking on this mammoth event, the BBQ kings and for David's (Spedding) ongoing support. School Disco – Thank you to Natalie (Stenson) who makes a lot of small dancers very happy. The family lounge is also a highlight for parents. Natalie is stepping down as she leaves the school at the end of the year and will be greatly missed. Thank you to all those involved in our events big and small. All contributions come together to make us successful. Appreciation given to Mark (MW), the school leadership team, the office team, the rest of the committee for working so well together. 	
2	<p>Treasurer's report (NC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Raised £35K gross in 23/24 - £17,550 committed to school making a loss of £14,800. Big purchases made last year including the pool Hoover. Discussion over discrepancy on Excel spreadsheet regarding Wrap a Present takings showing as 0 should be roughly £3K. It was later established that this was coupled into the Christmas Fayre takings in error and so did not make a loss as it appears on the spreadsheet. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was established that it can be difficult separating out the match funding according to event. NC and KP to look at how to display his for the next report- discussed putting this on one match funding line.

3	<p>Head Teacher's report (MW)</p> <p><i>I would like to thank all members of the PTA and PTA committee in particular for a tremendous and record-breaking year. There have been so many amazing community events that have brought everyone together and raised vital funds for the school. We have been able to move forwards with projects such as the sensory circuit markings that would not have been possible without the funds raised.</i></p> <p><i>It is worth pointing out that the success of the PTA is extraordinary when compared to other PTAs around the country. Aldryngton receives the lowest funding per pupil possible in the whole of England. Donations made by the PTA have helped to ensure that our children have been able to access a range of difference experiences, activities and access to resources.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Looking ahead our financial position remains challenging. We have returned to school with one of our whiteboards failing and the teachers have compiled a wishlist for items in the next year. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval for £1,699 plus VAT for new whiteboard in Lime classroom - approved via email.
4	<p>Election of Roles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair – Freya O'Mara nominated by SD, seconded by TS • Vice-Chair – Tina Shepherd nominated by FOM, seconded by SD • Treasurer – Narsing Chennamaneni nominated by FOM, seconded by TS • Co-Treasurer – Khyati Patel nominated by FOM, seconded by TS • Secretary – Sara Deadman nominated by FOM, seconded by NC • No volunteer received for Co-Secretary. 	
5	<p>Upcoming events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 60th Anniversary Picnic Fri 20th Sept- PTA stall to hold details of fundraising such as Asda cashpot, easy fundraising, sign-up sheets for volunteering, sell doughnuts/lollies/drinks. To be held outside garage. • Groundwork Party Sat 21st Sept – 8 to 9 volunteers had signed up with the school to date. Suggestion received to give parents more notice to increase volunteers • Bag 2 School 8th Oct – changing rooms will open once Pool Club finishes on 27th Sept. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TS to print out posters • FOM to buy doughnuts • TS to send out communication and book future date.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diwali Fayre 13th Oct – Shweta Bist to lead and date confirmed with school. Discussion had that year 6 stalls may only be held at Christmas and Eid Fayre as deemed too much. Later agreed via email that year 6 stalls would remain for Diwali Fayre as already organised and Eid Fayre may not go ahead. • Disco 24th Oct – Natalie Stenson leading but needs volunteers to take on leading this event and on the day. • Wrap-a-Present(WAP) w/c 25th Nov – Tetiana Paniot and Sara Deadman to lead. All arranged. • Christmas Fayre & Grotto Sat 7th Dec – Freya O’Mara to lead. • Christmas Concert Fri 13th Dec – Catherine Holt and Sara Deadman to lead. George Bridge to lock up afterwards. • PTA non-uniform day and 60th Anniversary celebration (24th Jan) – idea of dressing up ‘through the decades’. • Mother’s Day gift sale (date TBC)- Tina Shepherd to lead • Easter Egg Hunt (date TBC) – Tiffany Forshaw to lead. • MS Cake sale thurs 3rd April – Anil Madineni to lead (communicated after the meeting). • Pool Club (dates TBC) – Tina Shepherd to lead. • Try-a-Tri Sat 14th June – Sam Kenwood and Team to lead. • Father’s Day gift sale (date TBC) – Tina Shepherd to lead. • Eid Fayre date and lead TBC • Ice Lolly Sales date TBC – Anil Madineni agreed to lead (communicated after the meeting). • Make the Rules Day Fri 4th July – Anil Madineni agreed to lead (communicated after the meeting). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FOM to confirm arrangements with Shweta. • Lead needed urgently to be able to shadow Natalie over her 3 remaining discos. • Volunteers needed for WAP to help on the three days. • FOM to recruit volunteers for the fayre and set up meeting for sub-team. PA to recruit lead for the grotto. SD to arrange gambling licence for raffle- will need help to arrange future TENs licences as nearly at personal limit for number of applications in a year. • Will need some volunteers to help set up the hall for the Christmas Concert. • TS to find a date around mental health week in mid-January for non-uniform day. • Boiler and Fire alarms need to be addressed in the pool. TS looking into options and MW looking into school grants and swim school use to help pay for ongoing costs and repairs. • FOM to speak with Sam re Try-a-Tri. • Volunteer needed to run the Eid Fayre • PA to arrange volunteers for Ice lolly sale from US parents.
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7	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PTA's 60th Anniversary is in January – agreed to hold a PTA event and give the children some sort of keepsake (bookmarks/tea towels discussed). • Happy Circus renewal – decided to renew for every other year as raises a lot of money. • Year 6 leavers party – discussion had about the potential to hold a tuck shop sale to help raise funds. • Wishlist from school sent to TS who will communicate. Need to consider the request for the remaining iPad for US. • Welcome Newsletter • Use Asda for any event shopping in order to boost our cashpot. • If there are any parents from the Chinese community who would like to organise a Chinese New Year celebration/fundraiser at the school please contact us on ptaofficers@aldryngtonpta.com 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TS to put together a form where we can capture parents' ideas for this. • TS to speak with Amanada Ellis to clarify if this has been renewed and how to renew if not. • TS to send wishlist including iPad request to PTA to consider • VD to create a newsletter for this term to include photos of groundwork and detail another date will be sent for 2025.
8	<p>Date of next AGM – Wed 17th September 2025 7pm via Teams</p> <p>Date of next Committee meeting – Wed 22nd January 2025 7pm via Teams</p>	

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